

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, at a young age, Sue Hendrickson dreamed of seeing the world. Growing up in Munster, Indiana, while in school, Sue satisfied her desire to travel through reading. An avid reader, Sue poured through the library's collection of books by country. Then, at the age of 17, Sue decided to set out to realize her dream;

Whereas, the first stop on her adventure was Marin County, California, where she lived on a sailboat and became interested in saltwater fish. Pursuing this new interest, Sue headed to the Florida Keys where she began diving with two fish collectors;

Whereas, utilizing her diving skills, Sue then moved into salvage work, raising shrimp boats and airplanes. This work eventually lead her into marine archaeology where she worked on historical shipwrecks;

Whereas, while on a dive in the Dominican Republic in the 1970's, Sue took a trip to an amber mine where she viewed insects preserved in amber. This was Sue's first introduction to fossils. After this experience, she began diving for lobsters during the summers in order to finance



her excavation work during the rest of the year;

Whereas, in the mid-1980's, Sue returned to the American West to search for dinosaur bones. Upon completing a dig in South Dakota in 1990, Sue decided to investigate a cliff she had noticed earlier when scouting the area. It was at this cliff where she made the discovery of a lifetime - three vertebrae jutting out of the hill which she believed could be the bones of a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Whereas, upon excavation, it was confirmed that Sue's find was not only a T. Rex, but it was the largest and most complete skeleton ever to be discovered. Named after her discoverer, "Sue" was determined to be 13 feet tall at the hip and approximately 41 feet in length;

Whereas, at the conclusion of an ownership battle, "Sue" was sold at auction to Chicago's Field Museum for \$8.36 million, the highest price ever to be paid for a fossil. "Sue" is now on display at Chicago's Field Museum while traveling exhibits feature full-sized replicas; and

Whereas, Sue Hendrickson is famous in the scientific world for her uncanny ability to find amazing things. Included among her finds are three of the six precious 20-million-year-old, amber-encased butterflies known to exist, sunken Spanish galleons in Cuba, and prehistoric whales and sharks in Peru. In addition, Sue was part of the team that located Cleopatra's palace and Napoleon's fleet, both submerged in waters near Egypt: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2 many contributions Indiana native Sue Hendrickson has made to the
- 3 scientific community and congratulates her on her discovery of the



- 1 largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton "Sue".
- 2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 3 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Sue Hendrickson.

